(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

Feb. 3, 1933.

Mr. Hilliard Henson,
Cullowhee, N. C.

Dear Mr. Henson;

I have read your article "Lily grows in 2 W.N.C. Area" with great interest which appeared local Sunday paper on January 22nd.

I called Mr. McCoy at Citizen's office for further informations, he highly spoke about you and suggested me to write you directly, so this happened.

If you don't mind and spare the time please inform me that how far from School to the Forest Hill Estates and can drive car any season of the year ? Can I get in the Estates without a permission ? As I am a photographer and booster of Western N. C. am very anxious to photograph this Lily, flowering time as you said May 1 - 15, if you still in School I wish you drop me a line when they reach their climax or call me by telephone with reverse charge, my phone is 404.

When I make this trip I like to stop at School and to photograph the rifle which killed Charley that Mr. Jack Coburn, of Bryson City presented to School some time ago, please ask Mr. Hunter give me permission to do this.

I am sorry I trouble you so much, hope you don't mind and to see you soon,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

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February 16, 1933.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

Thanks for your note of February 11.

Yes, I was in Raleigh last week, Wednesday and Thursday, and I have just returned from Tennessee and Kentucky.

I think things will work out all right in time, no matter what is done. The whole project is too far along to end in anything but ultimate success.

In my opinion, you are the best mountaineer on the North Carolina side, because you do make it a point to go into the park every chance you get.

Thanks for the clippings. I had hadn't seen them before, so they came in very handy.

With all kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Cam

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March 25, 1933.

Mr. Geo. Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George,-

Received your letter of March 1st, also March 20th.

I cannot find where the government has gotten out such a map as you refer to. The Tennessee Park Commission gave to the government the results of their mapping in this particular area but they have not completed a map from it that I know of.

I do not know what you refer to as being corrected along the state line as I thought we had this pretty well worked out. I wish you would mark what you refer to on the blue print you have and by they way, mark the trail that you refer to starting up from Smokemont.

I was talking with Paul Fink over the phone and he tells me that your North Carolina Club is going to dedicate Mt. Kephart on April 2nd and that he expects to be there. I will try to be there too, so why can't we three get together and decide on some of the final points.

Was talking with Major E kin a day or two ago and he expressed a desire to have as many streams as possible from their source to their outlet under one name. For instance, EAGLE CREEK to head near Thunderhead and eliminate GUNNA CREEK. - Then DEEP CREEK head at INDIAN GAP eliminating RIGHT FORK - change Left Fork to Collins Creek - change present COLLINS CREEK to GUNNA CREEK etc. etc. These, of course are only suggestions as you folks know what is best for the North Carolina side but in working up some things on the Tennessee side I made a memo covering similar conditions on your side, which I will be glad to give you if they will be worth anything, when I see you.

Let me know if you will be at the Kephart dedication and will have time to go over this with us.

Yours very sincerely,

JET-JJ

(Kephart!) Masa UCMC

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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

April 3, 1933.

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Thanks for your invitation to attend the ceremony on Mt. Kephart yesterday. Unfortunately, for some time I have had an engagement at Knoxville and for that reason could not be present.

I understand the services were quite a success.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Eakin

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

(Replies:) Masa NCMC

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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

April 4, 1933.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant I have the following comment to make:

TWENTYMILE CREEK

I would suggest the elinination of Moore Spring Branch and the retention of Left Fork in the same manner and for the same reason as in the case of Deep Creek.

LITTLE CATALOOCHEE CREEK

From your map I would not judge that Andy Branch was the main tributary of this creek but rather Woody Branch. For the additional reason that we have a Woody Creek of Big Cataloochee Creek, I would suggest elimination of Woody Branch and consider it the main stream. I am not familiar with the reasons for the substitution of Andy Branch for Hannah Branch but the latter is the only name that I personally have heard for this branch and seems to be well established in the settlement. Conrad Branch is O.K. as far as I know.

Hannah Brn. and Hanna Br.

I am not familiar enough with the nomenclature of Hazel Creek to render an opinion on Defeat Creek. However, if they do have a Defeat Branch on the Tennessee side I see no reason why it should conflict with a Defeat Creek on this side especially when they are several miles apart as in this case.

The other changes listed in your letter are very good I think.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Needham

John T. Needham,
Asst. Chief Ranger

(Kephart:) Masa Nemc

April 6, 1933.

Mr. John T. Needham,
Great Smoky Mountains National Park,
Bryson City, N. C.

Dear Mr. Needham;

Thank you for your letter of April 4th.

Twentymile Creek: that eliminate Moore Spring Br. and retain Left Fork and Big Laurel Br. as you suggested, I think thats better.

Little Cataloochee Creek: your suggestion quite right, Woody Branch is main stream, so change will be made. About Hannah Br. it is locally well known, but we obliged to change the name, because there is Hannah Mtn and Hannah Br. in Tenn. side.

About Defeat Creek I expressed same opinion as you said at the meeting and I like to find out how it named, if the reason are very interesting it should be retained, so if you don't mind please make inquire who familiar of that section, I am sure G. Calhoun knows all about that section, but he is in Proctor, may Jack Coburn or Will Wiggins know about, I wish you see what you can find and let me know soon you can.

I did not see Chief Eakin last Sunday as he was in Knoxville, we had quite good size crowds on that day, more than I expected.

Waiting for your answer, hope to see you soon,

Sincerely,

(Kephart:) mara NCMC

April 8, 1933.

Mr. Jim Thompson,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Jim;

Here is nomenclature which Mr. Needham agreed who is familiar of N. C. side of Park.

He O.K.ed Eagle, Hazel, Deep and Cataloochee Creeks, also Bradley and Raven Forks, but he wants retain LEFT FORK of TWENTYMILE CREEK, as it is well established local name and eliminate Moore Spring Branch which main tributary of the Creek, then retain Big Laurel Br.

On Little Cataloochee Creek, he wants eliminate Woody Br. instead of Andy Br. The reasons are there is Woody Creek on Cataloochee Creek so avoid confusion, also Woody Br. longer than Andy Br.

I believe his suggestions are quite right and I wish you make this changes accordingly.

And one more, I believe we better eliminate Mad Creek head water of Kephart Prong and it main tributary of Kephart Prong.

About Defeat Branch - Defeat Creek what we call, on Hazel Creek, I could not get the information what I wanted up this writing, but expecting most any minute so I will write you soon.

DERRICK KNOB - Head of Locust Ridge which we called "Big Chestnut Bald" and Andy Gregory raise hell about - well, if we call it Derrick Knob, I like you make change "Little Chestnut Bald" to "Chestnut Bald" which locates head of Chestnut Ridge, and just west of Hall Cabin, what you say ?

Please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours,

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

April 8, 1933.

Mr. Albert Pike,
Division Engineer in Charge,
Atlantic Division,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pike;

I have informed that you can furnish the photostat maps which fill in blank spaces of advanced sheets of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

If you can spare please send me one set of these maps so that I can check up elevations and locations of peaks exactly for final nomenclature.

I have Aerotopo map which Tenn. Park Commission published, but its contour 100 feet and there were verying first issue and sendnd issue, I understood yours all adjusted and has 20 feet contour.

Hope I don't bother you too much, and your small scale 1" to 1 mile new map of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be published soon.

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

(Kephart:) masa ncmc

April 8, 1933.

Mr. Horace M. Albright,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albright;

I hope you are feel well under these uncertain weather, I am going along fine hike every Sunday. Last Sunday April 2nd our club made trip to Mt. Kephart for memorial of late Horace Kephart who killed automobile accident on same day in 1931.

There were about 100 people attended memorial service on top of Mt. Kephart. Paul Fink, Jim Thompson and Harvey Broome among them, after service we drove down to Gatlinburg and had meeting of Nomenclatures.

I am nearly ready to publish pocket size guide book to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, associate with Mr. Geo. McCoy who is State Editor of Asheville Citizen and editing this guide book, and Mr. Frank Barber, owner of Inland Press of this city who will print our guide book.

This guide book is similar to "Haynes Guide Book of Yellow Stone National Park" and after first edition published I hope it will pass your approval, this guide book contains:- general descriptions of the Smokies and its history, geology, botany, animals and birds; motor road as well as trails to scenic points, accommodations, Park regulations, covering most all subjects, about 110 pages, including 50 illustrations, two small map which showing motor road and one large map that shows trails etc.

And I hearty desire to have your article in this book, I might say "Welcome to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park" Well, not so long, about same length that you wrote to Hand Book of Smoky Mtn. Hiking Club as I enclosed herein.

I konw you are busy can be at present time, and I hope you can spare 5 or 10 minutes write me the article, I hate to ask you about this matter while you are such a busy time, but I know you don't mind. Please in your earliest convenience do it for me.

Hope you come down down this way soon, with very best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Kephart:) Masa NCHC

April 14, 1933

Mr. George Masa,
Grove Arcade
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa,

I have had the pleasure of corresponding with you although the pleasure of meeting you has thus far been denied me. Now a friend of mine and I are going in into the Smokies the first week in May We may go by Deep Creek or perhaps Bradley's Fork. I beleive Warner Hall wrote you something in this regard but I am perhaps better acqyainted with the Smokies than most people in this region but I am very anxious to obtain a copy of one of your excellent maps of the Smokies. Can you sendme one C.O.D. or with a bill and I will refund at once. If you have none that are available can you let me know where I can obtain one at once as it is urgent? Have you ever been up Bradley's Fork? How is the going? Is Deep Creek a good way to enter? Anything but Noland's Creek That is terrible. Let me know if you will be in the mountains this summer. I'll be up that way a good deal this summer and I would like to see you. Would a trip through the Nantahalas in June appeal to you?

Yours very sincerely

Carter R. Whittaker

Carter R. Whittaker,
279 Tenth Street, NE,
Atlanta, Ga.

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I was very glad indeed to get your letter of April 8 and to know that you are planning to publish a guide-book on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

It is a pleasure to send you, herewith, a brief message of welcome which you may print in the guide.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Inclosure 282451.

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April 19, 1933.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am pleased to have your letter of the 12th. and to see the first installment of the Guide. How much material is available now? I am much interested in the project. It is a tremendous task and I shall be much interested in the outcome of the experiment of mimeographing, then publishing. It is a "trial and error method" and should make for a better book in the end. Apparently my data has been printed verbatim. I am putting a note in our Bulletin about it. I suggest you have copies sent to Raymond H. Torrey, 99-28 193rd Street, Hollis, Queens, Long Island, New York and two copies to R. L. M. Underhill, Editor, Appalachia, 130 Warren Street, Newton Centre, Massachusetts. This mean further publicity.

I shall write to the Almond Chapter and send them A. T. literature.

Why not have your Bulletin Editor make a comment on Wood's story of the Pisgah?

Just at present I am concentrating on working with the new Roanoke Club in eliminating the gap in Virginia. A small group of us are planning a trip starting from Knoxville over Memorial Day, to go from Newfound Gap to Tapoco. Camp out two nights and maybe cover some of the Nantahala-Smoky connection. Carlos said that one of the Smoky crowd will go along. Perhaps- unless you are doing something else-

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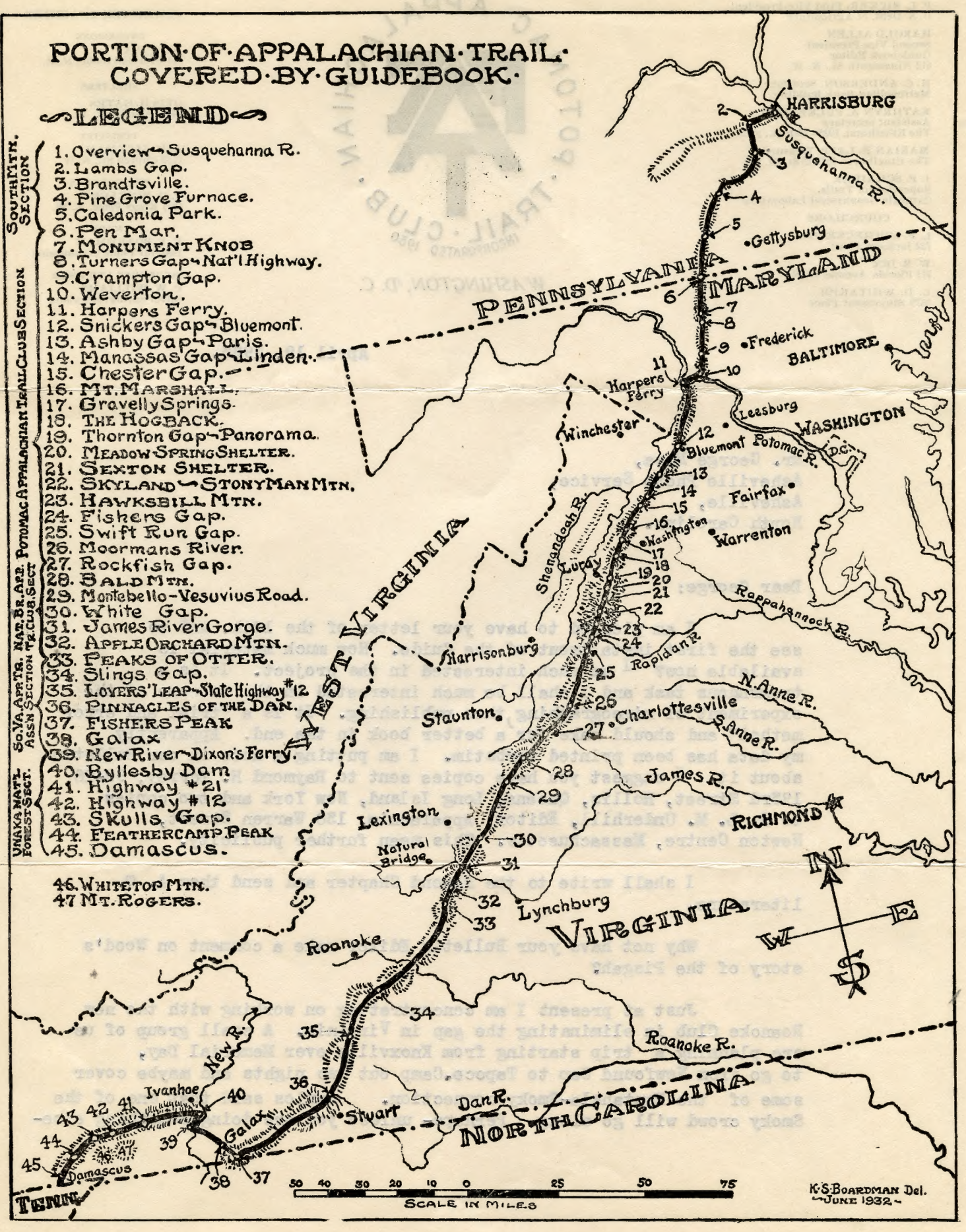

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Silver Spring, Maryland

we can meet at least at Tapoco and put in a day on territory new to you. We start from Knoxville on Saturday.

Can you send Wood a copy of the data so that he can refer specifically to it in the concluding part of his article?

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

Why not print the Southern Unaka? It is on the N.C. line. Have you a copy?

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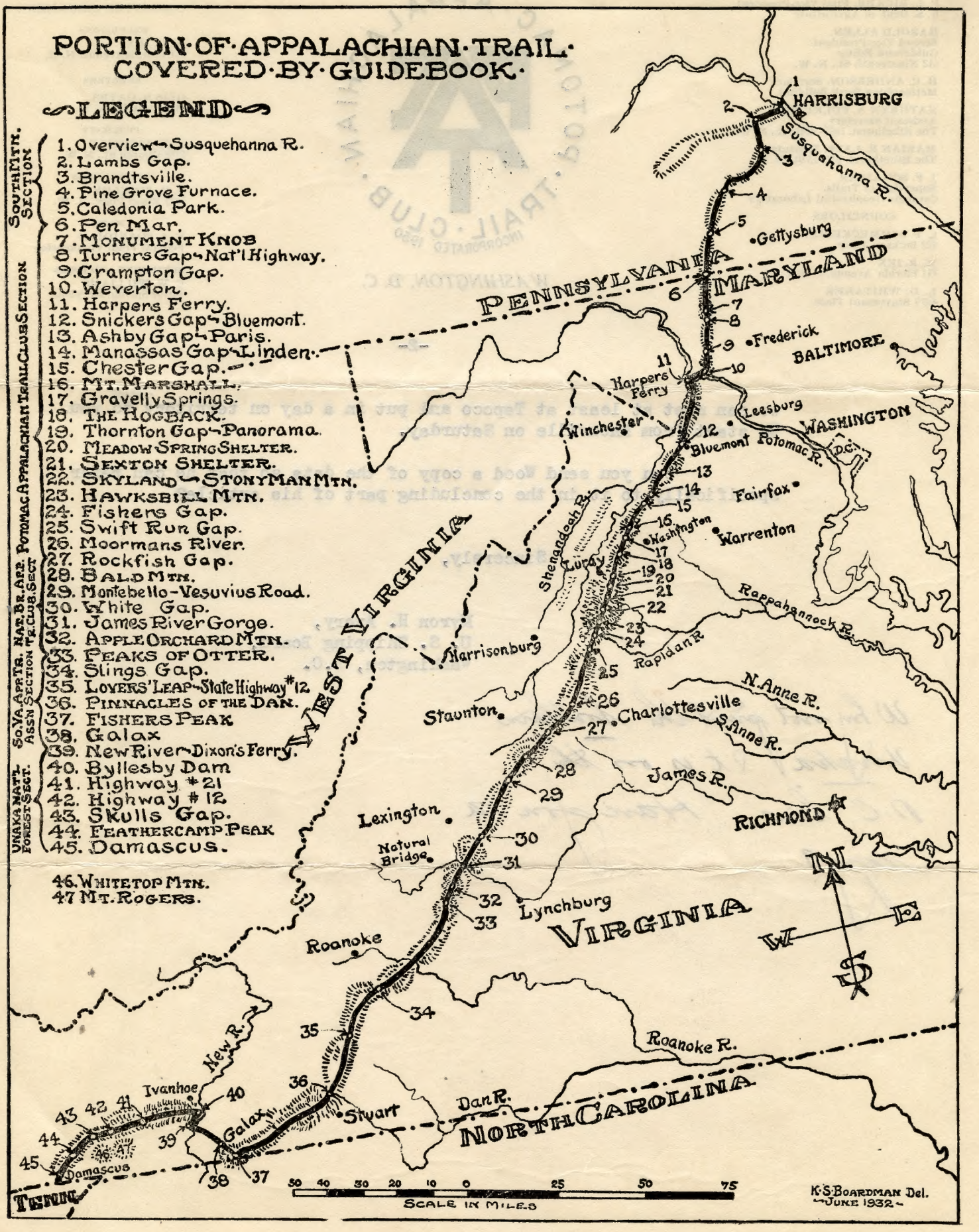

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

April 24, 1933.

Mr. Jim Thompson,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Jim;

About the DEFEAT CREEK, up this writing so far I couldn't get any information that I wanted, but Mr. Needham saying that -"However, if they do have a Defeat Branch on the Tennessee side I see no reason why it should conflict with a Defeat Creek on this side especially when they are several miles apart as in this case"

In fact, this name quite established in locally as connect with Bone Valley, Desolation Branch, so my opinion is leave it as it is DEFEAT CREEK.

Please let me know what you think about at once, by the way how many indian names you have in the Tennessee side as like as ANAKEESTA RIDGE, WINNESOKA and IMADU etc., I wish you check up and let me have list with English meaning, I am making list in N. C. side so I am glad send you list if you want it.

Thanking you in advance to this matter,

Yours